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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN TELEPHONE MERGER CASE

Jefferson City (April 11, 2002)---Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (Northeast) and Modern Telecommunications Company (Modern) have filed a joint application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking authority to merge Modern with and into Northeast.

Modern is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northeast.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before **April 29**, **2002**, with Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Craig S. Johnson, Esq., Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Johnson, LLC, P.O. Box 1438, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Joint Applicants state that the proposed transaction will be "revenue neutral" to the customers of both companies and that no customer will experience a change in rates or loss of service due to the proposed merger.

Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company provides service to approximately 4,700 access lines in Missouri. Modern Telecommunications Company provides service to approximately 4,400 access lines in the state.